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# From the Editor



I don't even want to venture down the track that says, "Can you believe the end of the year has come so quickly?," but that is exactly what I find myself doing time and again, conversation after conversation. This year has seemingly sped by in a blur of activities, happenings, editorial challenges, operational demands and design up-and-downs. But in all this blur we've had tremendous fun, learning on the run and finding the privilege of presenting you with each issue truly amazing. So from all of us at MyFaith Magazine, a great and heartfelt "Thank you" for supporting us by reading all we had to share. Enjoy every page wherever you are, and wherever you go. Lying on the bed or on a beach, sitting under a tree or on a chair, at a coffee shop or in a mall, it doesn't matter where, just have your faithful companion with you.

Know this, that your encouragement through emails, letters and the odd phone call has made the world of difference to us and, in fact, keeps us inspired to continue into the new year. Over this festive season we wish you true peace and prosperity, a time of rest, recollection, regrouping and strategizing for the tasks lying ahead!

In all the hustle and bustle of this 'Christmas Fever' I would like to encourage each of us to find those quiet moments of reflection. Some call them Selah-moments. Let us remember the outcome of this humble birth, planned before the foundations of the earth, and also remember the phenomenal impact it has on our lives! May this also be a time of raucous celebration in honour of the King Who has our every heartbeat collected as a symphony in heaven.

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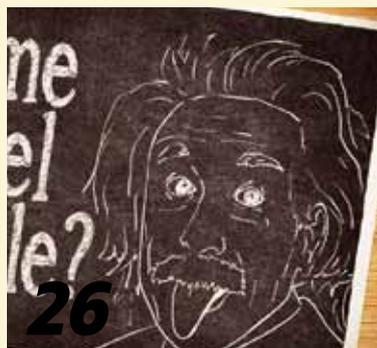
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# God's greatest gift to us this Christmas!

BY ANDRÉ & JENNY ROEBERT

It's true that Christmas is the season for giving! And what a glorious time of year it is, with families and friends joining together to share love and warmth and goodwill. The truth is, no matter how people perceive or experience Christmas, as far as God is concerned, there is a gift that matches no other that is readily available and accessible to everyone who is willing and ready to receive it!

That gift is living in the centre of God's BLESSING! One way of viewing the BLESSING, is seeing it as the grace of being able to hear the heart of our gracious, Heavenly Father so that we can walk in the light of His wisdom, while being completely surrounded by the safety of His presence. It's living without lack or fear but rather in an overflow of God's goodness and favour. And all along, being empowered to be a significant source of life and love to those around us.

To receive this gift, the BLESSING, is to firstly, receive the giver of the gift Himself. A heart that surrenders to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, receives the full gift of righteousness. This is a position of being completely in right standing with God, washed clean by the blood of His Son, rendering us pure and blameless before Him. It's also a gift that rightfully positions us to receive the Blessing God originally gave to Adam at creation (which he forfeited through sin) and to Abraham who received it by faith. It's an inheritance we have in Christ, readily available for us to enjoy today. (Genesis 12:2,3;13:2 and Galatians 3:7-9;13-14;26;29).

The key to walking in the fullness of this powerful gift, is to tune our hearts and minds into the frequency where the BLESSING of God continuously flows. This reminds me of a true story I once read about a family that set out on their sailing boat to cross the ocean. During their voyage, their boat was capsized by a pod of whales, leaving them without most of their supplies and at the mercy of the elements. Their only hope of survival was to hook a prevailing trade wind that would fill their make-shift sails, and push them into a main stream shipping channel where another vessel would spot and rescue them. Being a seasoned sailor, the father of the family had enough knowledge to understand the flow of the currents and his general whereabouts to somehow steer their broken, lopsided boat in the right direction. Without a deliberate effort to catch the right current and trade wind, they would be left stranded, going nowhere for too long, losing all hope of survival.

Just like that small boat in a gigantic ocean, unless we deliberately choose to keep our hearts and minds connected to the source of our new life and freedom, we can lose our way and hope in a world where we are surrounded by trouble. Keeping ourselves in the centre of the current and flow of God's life source, will prevent us from wondering around aimlessly, at the mercy of our circumstances and the storms of life. In other words, being ignorant of God's grace and truth will keep us from being in the centre flow of His mercy and BLESSING, and will prevent us from living in His continuous supernatural flow of abundant life.

So, to hook up with the current or wind that ensures this vital connection and appropriates the BLESSING of God in our lives, there is a strategy that is simple and clear. It begins at the source of all beginnings - the Word of God!

To quote Kenneth Copeland, from his book *"The Blessing of the Lord Makes Rich and Adds No Sorrow with It."*, he writes, *"God's WORD will take you from living outside that BLESSING—where storms, disasters and hard times tear up and destroy things, to living inside it, appropriating THE BLESSING in your own life and replenishing the earth around you with it..."*

The trouble is, we don't spend enough time in God's Word. And we can only blame ourselves for that. Somehow we always prioritise everything else above digging into the truth and mysteries of God's wonderful truth and wisdom. So the first part of our strategy is to drop all those things that would hinder or steal our time from being with the Lord in His Word.

Why is the Word so important to appropriating the BLESSING in our lives? Because the Word, when received into our hearts, produces faith! And just as it was for Abraham, the BLESSING is powered by our faith! Unless we believe and perceive this gift in our spirits first, we will never see it materialised in our natural lives. So, when we choose to purposefully and diligently put aside time to make the Word our priority, and draw ourselves near to the Lord this way, His response is immediate! James 4:8 says, as we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us! That's how the BLESSING works!

Remember, attention always precedes desire. So, as we delight ourselves in God's Word, giving it the attention it deserves, our desire for the things of God begins to increase. Feeding our spirits with the Word, and delighting



in its truth and hope, increases our understanding of Who God is to us, His marvellous ways and His promises concerning us.

Now, watch how the BLESSING goes to work! While we are filling our hearts and minds with the truth of God's Word, by His Spirit that indwells us, at the very same time, His presence encamps around us! Psalm 34:7, says, *"The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers. O taste and see that the Lord [our God] is good! Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts and takes refuge in Him."*

I recently read a friend's blog on this very scripture. That word encamp is a military term meaning to settle. So, because we choose to settle into the Word of God, with a heart of love and respect for Him, He surrounds us, with His fortress of protection and peace! This, my dear friend, is part of the BLESSING! We are placed in the centre of His settlement, the safest place there is! You see, while we are centred on the Word of God, the enemy cannot infiltrate our minds with thoughts of fear or discouragement or failure! Psalms 32:7 says that He becomes our hiding place and surrounds us with songs of deliverance! That's what happens when we are completely surrounded by the Lord!

Now, watch how this works: Through the day, while we are going about our areas of responsibility, because we have invested our time in God's Word, it is first and foremost on our minds and in our hearts. So we find ourselves constantly meditating on its wisdom and perspective, which begins to influence the way we think, the words we speak, our attitudes and our actions. Do you want to know what the BLESSING is doing while this takes place? The Word of God says in Psalm 5:12, that the Lord surrounds us as a shield! But this shield isn't just a form of protection. The word says, *"... as with a shield, the Lord surrounds us with goodwill - which is pleasure and favour!"* (Amplified version).

How does this work? Well, when our minds are filled with the thoughts and purposes of God, from our time spent delighting in His Word, we begin to respond to circumstances from that state of mind. Our first response becomes God's response and when we stick to that response, the BLESSING goes to work and brings supernatural pleasure and favour every time.

What about the times we miss it, when our emotions and frustrations get the better of us and we don't respond from the wisdom of God's Word? Like Adam, do we forfeit the BLESSING too? Absolutely not! Jesus secured the BLESSING for us with His blood. It's ours to appropriate and enjoy. How-

ever, when we choose to not walk in it, it doesn't remove itself from us, we simply walk away from it. But there is nothing stopping us from realising our error, turning around, and walking straight back into it again! That's called repentance - it simply means to deliberately change our minds and go in a different direction from where we were heading. God's mercy has secured that freedom for us! And Psalm 32:10 says that God's mercy surrounds us too! So all we need to do is repent and direct our thoughts and attitudes right back to the Word of God again. That's the BLESSING!

So far we've learnt that in The BLESSING, the Lord Himself protectively encamps around us, His favour and goodness and mercy surround us, but that's not all! When we choose to make spending time in God's word a priority, and allow His wisdom to influence and transform our lives, Psalms 125:2 says that as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people! Just like those mountains, God Himself is an ever present, immovable strength and fortress around our lives. He is our protector, our provider, our comfort and our strength!

Renewing our minds to the Word of God is not a retreat from our problems or an escape from reality! It's choosing to place ourselves in a state of mind where we perceive our circumstance as God does, and respond to them from a perspective of faith and victory, rather than hopelessness and defeat. It's being aware of the supernatural BLESSING we have received from being in Him, more than being aware of the limited, natural circumstances that surround us.

Once we have decided to receive God's gift of love and have chosen to make spending time in His Word a priority, so that our hearts and minds are in tune with His ways - He is completely and intricately involved in our journey through life. His BLESSING empowers us in all we do and enables us to influence the world around us with His power. That's the greatest gift we could ever dream of, a life filled and overflowing in the grace of His BLESSING! 📌

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# Christmas & New Year

As Christmas and a brand-new New Year approach, like never before we need the Babe in the manger. Yes, indeed we need Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world like never before. When we look back on 2016 and we see the hand of the devil, the chaos, carnage, pain, suffering and the loss of life that has been caused, especially in the Middle East and the very area where that Baby was born. We can only say, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

John said in The Book of *Revelation 22:20 (NKJV)*, "***Surely I am coming quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!***"

We need to exercise our faith in God like never ever before. It is almost like the climax of the ages is at hand. Some older people sigh how much longer can this continue, because of the pain that has taken place in this past year. But our confidence is in Christ and in him alone. *Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)* says "***being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;***" So it is with faith in Jesus Christ that we are confident of going into 2017 with much joy and much expectation.

Therefore, let us enjoy this Christmas, because time is ticking away and loved ones are going to be with the Lord day by day. We need to really spend time with our families at this Christmas time. Christmas has always been identified as family time. Try your utmost to spend time with your loved ones. Try and get together in one place. Put all your problems, misunderstandings and arguments to rest and spend time celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. It is a time to reflect on the past and also a time to look forward to the future.

Many reading this column will be getting ready to go to university, others getting ready to get married, some getting ready to take on a business proposition; whether it be an engineering company, a farm, a promotion in a business, and each and every one of these areas requires faith. "***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen,***" (*Hebrews 11:1, NKJV*).

St Augustine said, "Faith is to believe what you have not seen and the reward of that faith is to see what you believed."

So by faith you believe for the miracle and as has been stated many times before in this lovely magazine, "***without faith you cannot please God,***" (*Hebrews 11:6, NKJV*). In fact, you cannot even continue in your walk with God if you have no faith. A young maiden who had never met with a man, supernaturally became pregnant with no one less than the Son of God Himself. Nine months later she delivered the most beautiful child that the world has ever seen. It takes faith to believe this and Jesus Christ is more real to me today, than many of you reading this article.

How do we exercise our faith? Well, it comes by spending time in The Word of God (Romans 10:17). So let us be men and women of faith, as we look forward to a brand-new New Year 2017. Not looking back, but moving forward and looking forward to that great and amazing day when Jesus Christ will come and visit us personally to take us home to be with Him in paradise forever. It really is a win-win situation that we the Believers find ourselves in!

Paul said in The Book of *Romans 14:8 (NKJV)*, "***For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.***"

That is a wonderful promise and a blessing to face 2017 with.

Yours in Christ Service  
Angus and Jill Buchan 🇬🇧



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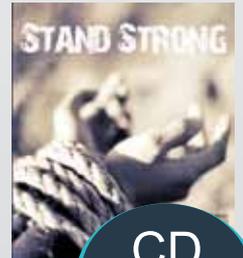
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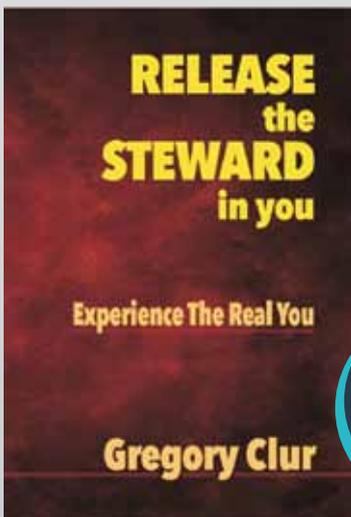
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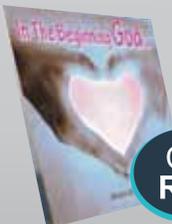


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# A Year of Living Adventurously



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The concept of 'Extreme Education' was designed to provide a challenging environment for young people to discover and develop their leadership potential.

**A gap year gives young people time to reflect on what they think would be the college/varsity or career choice best suited to their needs.**

**What makes your programme extreme and adventurous?**

We offer students a wide range of extreme activities to participate in such as: scuba diving, mountain biking, abseiling, kayaking, paint ball, 4x4 off-road driving, etc.

**What is the value of a gap year programme?**

A gap year gives young people time to reflect on what they think would be the college/varsity or career choice best suited to their needs. It allows them to clarify their interests and become aware of their strengths and weaknesses.

We also believe a gap year allows them to take advantage of learning that takes place outside the classroom and apply these skills in real life situations, within a protected environment. It is imperative that youths experience life in communities different from those in which they have been living and our extreme gap year programme offers them this experience. We further believe that gap years allow students to learn about a variety of careers before making a critical decision and to gain maturity, initiative and resourcefulness, all valuable life skills.

**What outcome do you hope is achieved in every student's life once completing your programme?**

Our programme is designed to meet, challenge and grow the complete individual, body, soul and spirit, as we train tomorrow's leaders today. Our desire is for the young person to have fun and 'discover themselves' as they are developed into a person with vision and purpose. We endeavour to take boys and girls and to mould them into young men and women that will have a positive influence on our society and the world.

**Describe how the programme works - when is your intake, how long does it last and how much does it cost?**

The Beyond Adventure Extreme Leadership Gap Year Programme was launched in 2001. We are located 100 kilometres north east of Port Elizabeth in Alicedale. We are situated close to some of the great game reserves such as Addo Elephant Park and Shamwari. Our programme runs from mid January till the first week of December. The students are accommodated in rooms where they will learn to live with three other students.

Cost enquires and further info can be obtained from our offices as well as our website.

**What makes your programme unique as opposed to other Gap year courses?**

We believe the Beyond Adventure concept to be unique in South Africa. The concept of 'Extreme Education' was designed to provide a challenging environment for young people to discover and develop their leadership potential. Leadership deals with direction, vision, purpose and principles and our leadership programme focuses on building the students up, making them aware of other cultures, helping them with emotional bank account building and strengthening them as individuals functioning in a group context.

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Worship Leader and Dove Award winning Songwriter Paul Baloché begins new chapter in ministry and life

The next new season rarely happens when you plan it. But it happens according to plan.

For more than 26 years, worship leader **Paul Baloché** and his singer/songwriter wife Rita made their home in east Texas. That's where he found his vocation and calling as worship pastor of Lindale's Community Christian Fellowship and where God had given him a vital ministry and a community of life-long friends. He and Rita raised their family there, and as his ministry expanded via 16 recordings and numerous teaching resources, the couple received offers to relocate and join larger ministries. But Paul and Rita stayed because Texas was home.

Then one day, after returning to a house full of empty bedrooms, they knew the time had come to consider a new season. *"We pretty much said out loud: 'The easy thing would be for us to just stay right here and rock on our porch.' Nothing was broken; it didn't need fixing... but it was good to hit the reset button and let go of the comfort and row the boat into some new waters,"* Paul recalls.

The couple put out a fleece, told a realtor they'd consider selling if an offer came along. Without even going on the market, the house sold within a month.



So after six months of purging through a quarter-century of life as they knew it, Paul and Rita left their church family with a blessing, and headed back to the land from whence they came, the northeast. They bounced around between their oldest daughter Sarah's place near Philadelphia and their son David's studio apartment, eventually landing in a one-bedroom apartment in New York City.

*"Parenthood is not for the fainthearted," says Paul, who is the grandfather of two. "Young adult children need you just as much as younger children do, a fact that continues to challenge my self-centeredness. It's a fantasy that we get to do whatever we want when we want, but I have to learn to be a better listener*

*and only give advice when it's asked for. When they are adults, you start relating to them as adults, but our nature is to want to guard them from making mistakes, life-altering consequences... It's a delicate balancing act, like in marriage."*

But it's a balancing act that the Baloches gladly attempt while continuing to transition into this new adventure. "We don't know exactly what we're going to do here," said Paul after the move. "But our prayer is, 'Lord, we would like to be available to the church here in NY, and to be an aunt and uncle or mother and father to these kids in ministry who are just getting started!'"

Over the last 18 months, Baloché has been featured at festivals, conferences and workshops in the US, UK, France, India, Netherlands and Philippines. He has also plugged into a church where his son—himself

a singer/songwriter and teacher—attends, and has begun building a new community, reaching out to churches like Christ Tabernacle in the Bronx, Redeemer Church and Trinity Grace.

Most recently, members of this community, including worship leaders and musicians from around NY and the northeast, joined him in creating a new album. This community includes labelmates The Brilliance (John Arndt, David Gungor) along with Onaje Jefferson (Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir) and worship leaders/musicians from New York and the northeast. Vocalists Jennifer Holm and Madison Cunningham also make appearances, and Baloché's wife, Rita, and son, David, round out the contributions.

The resulting project, *Your Mercy*, which has already received a 5-star review from *Worship Leader* magazine, is available globally in stores and on digital platforms through Integrity Music.

Recorded live in a Brooklyn studio, *Your Mercy* seems an appropriate title for this new season as this "worship pastor of worship pastors" depends anew on God.

Paul describes the project as "honest worship sessions with very few overdubs... no digital instruments or synthesizers... a back-to-basics simplicity, singing together new prayers and songs as a community to glorify God."

For Paul, who has spent the past 30 years teaching and training worship leaders around the world—with instructional DVDs translated into 10 languages and albums in three languages—this new chapter holds great promise on both personal and ministry fronts.

One of the perks of this season of life, he says, is "knowing who you are, and what you're good at, and even though we tend to discount our experiences, I consider it a gift to be trusted by worship teams of various denominations, a precious gift. And for as long as they'll let me, I want to be an authentic voice... sharing, listening, praying, advising, a friend and pastor to other pastors... to affirm and serve the church with no agenda and to experience the beauty in that."

*"Most of all, I want to be an authentic human, a faithful husband and father," says Paul, who beams with pride over David's latest video production, daughter Cherie's entrance into a Master's program and Sarah's growing family. "To finish well, maybe in 50 years or so, that's my deepest desire. I hold it precious." ❖*



# The *Gift* That Brings the *Greatest Joy*

BY JOYCE MEYER



*To receive God's blessings and enjoy everyday life, we simply need to make the decision to believe Him and His Word more than our thoughts and feelings. The Bible is our instruction manual on how to grow into the new nature He's given us and become who He wants us to be.*

Of all the gifts we could ever receive, God's gift of salvation is by far the most amazing and important one! **Ephesians 2:8-9** says, "For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved...through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; not because of works...lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]" (AMPC).

We are saved by the grace of God through our faith in Him; our faith does not buy our salvation—it merely receives it. As **Ephesians 2:8** says, salvation "is the gift of God." It is impossible to buy a free gift and this can be hard for us to understand. Our flesh wants to earn and deserve this free gift and take credit for being worthy of it.

But salvation is given to us freely, by God's grace, and the same way we receive Christ's salvation, is the same way we have to live—by grace. God gives us His forgiveness and grace daily; we just have to believe and receive it.

### **In Christ, You Are Sin-free in God's Eyes**

When God forgives your sins, it means all of your sins: past, present and future. You do not have to be afraid of sin because God has taken care of the problem. This is why the Gospel is such good news!

Some may worry that if we don't fear sin, we will keep sinning on purpose, but that's not true. If you are truly born again and really have a relationship with God, there is a new nature inside of you.

**Second Corinthians 5:17 (AMPC)** says, "If any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!"

Now, no one is perfect, and we all make mistakes sometimes. But if the Holy Spirit is living in your spirit through salvation, you won't be comfortable with those mistakes because God's nature is at work in you. The devil would love for us to feel like God is mad at us for our mistakes, but the truth is, God is love and we need to humbly accept His love and grace.

### **Changed by Grace**

**In John 15:5 (AMPC)**, Jesus says, "I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing." I love this scripture because it reminds me that God doesn't expect me to change on my own. He is the power source and gives us the grace and strength we need to do what's right and make changes in our lives.

### **Here's how we cooperate with Him, doing what we can do to bring about change:**

1. We hear the truth in God's Word and we're convicted by it. It's the Word that shows us who we are and reveals the sin in our lives. We have to realize what we're doing wrong before we can know what needs to change and how.
2. Then we repent of our sin. Being repentant means we're sincerely sorry and willing to turn away from it. (See 1 John 1:9.)
3. The next step is to study the Word in the area we need change. For example, if I have a problem with anger, I need to study scriptures about anger and forgiveness. Use the Word like medicine and take it into your heart and mind. James 1:21 (AMPC) says to "welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls." There is power in God's Word to bring change to our souls!

### **Receive All God Has for You and Enjoy Your Life**

To receive God's blessings and enjoy everyday life, we simply need to make the decision to believe Him and His Word more than our thoughts and feelings. The Bible is our instruction manual on how to grow into the new nature He's given us and become who He wants us to be. So take some time each day to read and meditate on scriptures that tell you about God's love for you, who you are and what you have in Christ. **Ephesians 3:17 (AMPC)** says, "May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love." This scripture is saying that God loves you; His will is for you to be His child and receive every blessing He has for you—righteousness, peace, joy, provision of your needs, healing and restoration. In Christ, you have a personal relationship with your Father God, and you can hear from God and be led by the Holy Spirit, who lives in your spirit. In Christ, you have access to God's grace and strength to do whatever you need to do. Because of God's grace, you are blessed and you can enjoy your life! 

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-CD teaching series *The Gift of Everyday Joy*. Visit [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org)

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# WHAT DO YOU SEE THAT OTHERS DON'T? IT COULD BE THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE.

BY PHIL COOKE

It happened in 1950 at the **El Zarape Tortilla Factory** in Los Angeles. For the first time, tortilla production had been automated, and could churn out 12 times more tortillas than anyone could by hand. But the machine also had its drawbacks – many of the tortillas came out misshapen and distorted, and had to be thrown away. But a line worker named Rebecca Webb Carranza saw something in the rejects that fascinated her.

So she began saving the discarded tortillas, cut them into triangles and fried them. Trying them out at a family party, they were an instant success. In fact, Mrs Carranza went on to eventually run the company, and created the famous “tortilla chips” that fill grocery store shelves worldwide.

Years ago, **Rebecca Webb Carranza** died at 98 years old, still considered the inventor of the tortilla chip. Her ability to “see” something everyone else considered worthless and rejected should put her in the “vision” hall of fame. She wasn’t educated, rich, or well connected, but she had vision – the kind of vision you need to create the dream project, or dream life you’ve always wanted.

Besides, without her the Superbowl would be awfully boring...

**So the question is – Are you seeing the same thing everyone else is seeing? Or are you seeing possibilities? ■**



# GLOBALIZING YOUR MEDIA MEANS LOCALIZING YOUR MEDIA

Whenever I travel internationally, I'm always surprised to find that when watching American produced religious programming, the vast majority of programs do nothing related to local audiences. In other words, the program open and close, structure, and even commercial spots were the exact same as the program that had been broadcast in Cleveland, Atlanta, or Tulsa. It goes without saying that creating a commercial spot with an American phone number and a price in dollars is going to fail when it's broadcast in Russia, South Africa, or Bolivia. And yet, major media ministries do it everyday – wondering all the while why they don't seem to get a response.

**First Rule – Make sure international viewers can contact your organization easily and buy your products or donate to your organization in their local currency.**

I carry dollars in my pocket, not Rubles or Pesos. Likewise, a viewer in Bangalore carries Rupees, not dollars.

**And it goes deeper: “Cultural sensitivity” is critical in getting your message across in other cultures and countries.**

In the Christian world for instance, too many American believers think Indian Christians worship in choir robes, and sing classic hymns with an organ playing in the background. But Christians in other countries adapt their worship to the styles, customs, and methods that are meaningful to them. As a result, we need to understand that and respond with our programming.

**Second Rule – Do more than just have your program sub-titled or translated.**

Think about customizing the program itself. Certainly it will take time and money, but the meaning and connection will be far more powerful. Perhaps better yet, instead of simply broadcasting your weekly or daily program into multiple countries with no changes made, think instead about periodic TV specials, that are completely customized to people groups around the world.

Years ago, I had the opportunity to be a producer on a series of TV specials produced by the *Billy Graham* Association. Not only was Billy's sermon translated into multiple languages, but we divided up the world into people/language/culture groups, and completely re-structured each version with local interviews, music, and features shot in regional languages and featuring locally known personalities. In the end, it created a far greater response than simply broadcasting a typical American version of Billy's program.

Major secular networks realize that having localized programming matters. It's time Christian program producers got the memo. ■

# HOW NON-BELIEVERS TO GET INTO YOUR CHURCH

BY PHIL COOKE

Lifeway Research recently polled thousands of nonbelievers about what it would take to get them inside a church. When I thought about it, the results made perfect sense, but most church leaders never consider these possibilities. Focused on Americans who do not attend church, here's what they said would draw them into one:

- 62% – a meeting about neighbourhood safety
- 51% – a community service event
- 46% – a sports or exercise program
- 45% – a concert
- 45% – a neighbourhood get together
- 35% – a worship service

Notice that only 35% of nonbelievers responded with a worship service.

Pastor Tony Miller at The Gate Church in Oklahoma City was already thinking this way. Because of his personal passion for unity, and as a result of the recent racial issues in cities across the country, Tony held a "Forum for Transformative Cultural Reform" at his church. He invited local politicians, the police chief, the superintendent of schools, an Imam from a local mosque, a Jewish rabbi, the president of the local NAACP, the executive director of Black Lives Matter, the vice present in charge of diversity at the university, a local court judge and others.

The event drew more than 700 people – many had never visited a church before. It was a remarkable event that positioned The Gate Church in the center of the effort to bring unity in the city. Afterwards, he received an email that said:  
"Thank you for hosting last night's forum. It was an incredible start to the healing and transformation of our city."

Another attendee remarked about pastor Tony:

"I'm going to have to bring my wife over here to hear this man. I really like him. He's got an incredible perspective and heart. He's one of the few people I deal with that 'gets it.'"

Another said: "I'm coming back one Sunday."

Tony reported to me that the state Senator wanted to follow up with him, and he had already scheduled a lunch meeting with the local Imam.

The event accomplished multiple results:

- It helped move forward the conversation about racial unity in the city.
- It brought people together who might never have met otherwise.
- It exposed more than 700 local citizens to an important mission of the church.
- It created a comfortable "first" experience for hundreds of people who have never walked in the door of a church.

Perhaps an important way to grow your church is to become a platform in the community for issues that matter to those who would never otherwise visit. It's not about compromising your doctrine, it's about the Church being at the heart of transforming your community. ■

## Choir provides a ray of sunshine in the community



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NCVT's musical director, Nondumiso Msibi is working with young people in Diepsloot and Cosmo City. She has been on her own journey of healing through song.

Msibi grew up with music in the home. Her father, Makhosonke, was a choir leader himself. He instilled a love for the musical arts within his daughter and trained her to lead choirs. Unfortunately, this came to an abrupt end in 2013 when he was shot and killed at home by intruders. Msibi kept singing, though, finding healing in musical expression after her loss. In 2015, NCVT recruited her as a full-time music director and she has been providing healing to others through song ever since.

"There is a great interest in our musical group and we have so much fun during training and performances," says Msibi. "The choir members are eager to gain experience and learn about the music. We would love to record our own CD at some point, especially now that the Diepsloot group is growing so well. Funds are just a bit on the short side; it would also be great to find a sponsor for uniforms."

Mndaweni says that she looks forward to seeing the choirs grow over the months and years to come. "Music makes the soul come alive in so many different ways," states Mndaweni. "We believe that this will not be just another singing group, but one that enriches those involved, develops them emotionally and socially and expands their career options," she concludes.

**For more information about NCVT or to make a donation, contact: +27 11 705 1960 or visit <http://www.ncvt.co.za/>. Join NCVT's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/The-National-Children-Violence-Trust-NCVT-197670257245796/> or tweet them @NCVT\_ZA.**



Members of the NCVT youth choir. From left to right: Thokozani Gama, Junior Phesiya, Thapelo Montsho, Nondumiso Msibi, Tshepo Pelembe and Orapeleng Takalase.

# Hello boys and girls

BY ESTHER SAUNDERS

I can't believe it's that time of the year again. Christmas is around the corner and we are looking forward to some fun in the sun. It's always both exciting and terrifying to know that we are about to complete another year of school. If we think back on our first day in the new grade, our new class, our new teacher and the new work, which seemed quite confusing at first, it feels great to know that we have been able to jump over and conquer all the challenges.

I must say that while I was very excited for the long December vacation I was a little nervous about writing my exams. I have been working hard during the year, doing my homework and even attending extra reading classes on Wednesday afternoons, but I really wanted to do well and make Mommy and Daddy proud. The teacher gave us revision to do at home of the school work we had completed in January. I must admit that Jazz and I were struggling to remember everything, it all felt so far away. Mommy helped us with revision in the evenings. She saw that we were anxious and told us a story about King Solomon.

King Solomon was one of the greatest kings in the Bible. He loved God and had the very important job of building God's temple. He had many other roles as a king, one of these roles was to advise people in difficult situations. Mommy told us that when Solomon did not know what to do he prayed and asked God for wisdom and God helped him.

Mommy explained that the wisdom that comes from God is special and supernatural, it has no limitations because God knows everything. As human beings, we can only know what we learn and study but when we ask God for His wisdom then we open up a big treasure chest of knowledge and understanding. We have access to God through Jesus Christ and this means access to His wisdom as well. Mommy says we must do our part, then pray and trust God to do His part and add His wisdom where we fall short.

The Bible teaches us that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. So when we are weak in an area, as a child of God we can pray and God adds His strength and we become strong. I remember last year while writing my final exam in Mathematics, there was a really difficult question and I was confused, I said a prayer in my heart and after a few moments I was able to figure out the answer. I know for sure that, that was God adding some of His wisdom to my mind.

So in all the excitement and stress let's remember whose side we are on. We are on the winning side of Jesus. The Bible says that if we believe in God we will never be ashamed. So like Jazz and I, please do your part and remember to study hard but don't forget to pray and trust God that He will add His strength to give you the victory over all your plans.

Have a merry Christmas friends!



## Prayer :

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that I can trust You in every situation, even in my exams and that I can know beyond all doubt that You are with me. Thank You for Your perfect wisdom and peace. I pray that I will be with me and all my friends. Help us to never forget to give all the glory and honour back to You because we could not succeed without You. We love You Jesus. Amen.



# Activity Page

## Christmas Fun for the Kids



1. What do you call an old snowman?
2. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
3. What does December have that no other month does?
4. What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?
5. Where do snowmen go to dance?
6. What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?



Help Frosty get through the maze and to his gift!



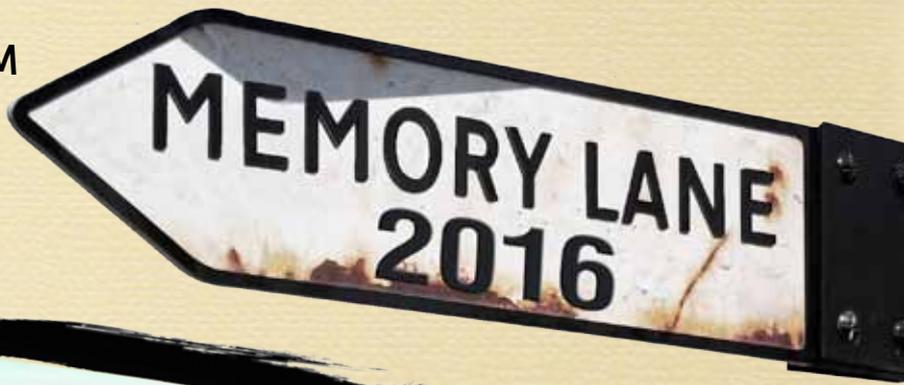
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ANSWERS: 1. Winter 2. In the Dictionary 3. The letter 'D' 4. Silent Night 5. A snow ball 6. Neither, candles always burn shorter!

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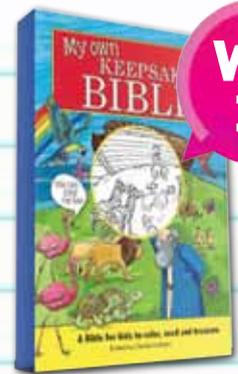
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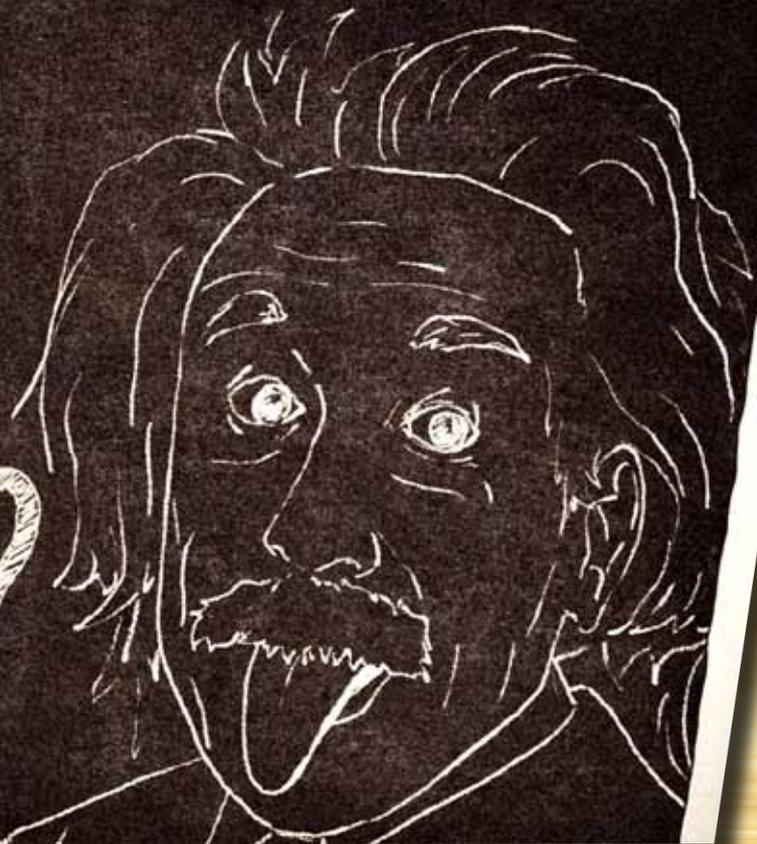
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# Is time travel possible?

BY WALDO MALAN



## DO YOU BELIEVE TIME TRAVEL IS POSSIBLE?

Well, for many years I believed that time travel was the invention of sci-fi novelists and mad scientists. Yet, it always intrigued me and I devoured books and movies on the subject to feed my interest. Many times I am a slow learner, and so it has taken me quite some time to come to the conclusion that time travel, indeed, is possible.

My conclusion is principally based on spiritual beliefs, and the fact that God is the Creator of everything. Hence, my conclusions are based on what I have learned about God from the Holy Bible. If you are reading this and don't share my beliefs, that's ok, but carry on reading nonetheless? It is a very interesting perspective, I guarantee you.

Now, God is an uncreated spirit Being. Everything we experience in our life (world) therefore also principally exists on a spiritual level, yet with the addition of the physical reality. We are gifted with five senses to experience this physical realm (see, hear, taste, smell and touch) and a sixth (ESP) to experience the spiritual. However, God experiences everything only spiritually. I have learned that all things physical (me included) were created by God, in God and for God, and therefore can exist only by Him. In a sense, the world I live in, and me in that world, exist solely in the mind (spirit) of God.

When God created this world, He also created TIME. He brought about day and night, seasons, and times. God exists outside of time, while I exist in time (physically); I also exist outside of time spiritually. In all, I am created to be like God. Not to be a god myself, but share His attributes and characteristics. There is a single word that is used for those times, experiences and situations where I behave contrary to my created purpose – sin. I know there are many connotations to this word, but essentially it means being contrary (opposed) to God's nature, to His essence, to His intended purpose.

Since He is also a God of love, He has made it possible for me to rectify my actions, thoughts and words, and to turn from sin to un-sin. How? You may laugh at the simplicity of this: I need to go sincerely and humbly to Him and say, "I am so sorry. Help me get it right next time." And just like that sin turns to un-sin. The word most often used is FORGIVE. Forgiven. Forgiveness. The Bible teaches that God is always faithful, and according to His sense of justice takes my sin (mistake) or sins (mistakes) and removes them entirely from me, even as far as the East is from the West. It means that the sin/mistake committed is so completely removed that it doesn't exist. It is as if it never happened in the first place.

"But it did!" I hear you say.

And this is where time travel comes in. In this process of forgiving, God moves back in time, to that place where I made the mistake (committed the sin) and, on my behalf, rewrites my history. The instance is eradicated from my personal history. God doesn't remember it, and therefore it no longer exists. Back to the present... here I stand completely forgiven. ✦

# DEC 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

## SATURDAY MOVIE NIGHT

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### THE PLAYBOOK DRAMA - PG 13 3 DECEMBER



Steven Thomas strives to live a worthy life, loving father and basketball coach. However, the lack of communication he shares with his son causes him to drift away from the family and their faith.

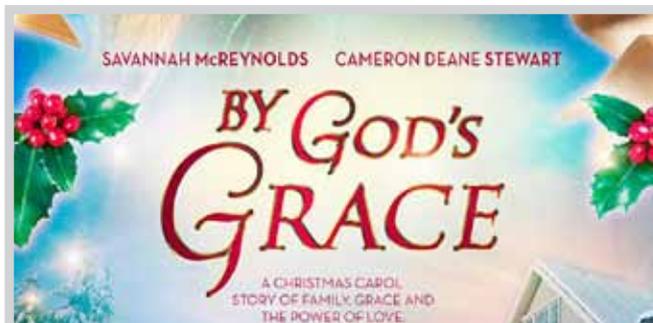
Father and son resolve just before a tragedy causes the family to begin to unravel. As the father begins to lose his grip on everything he knows and loves, it is through the love and kindness of his son's basketball team, and in particular, his son's best friend, that helps him use his basketball playbook to rekindle his spiritual worthiness and be the father he was meant to be. Thus not only inspiring his basketball team, but to also get his life and family back on track.

### A CHRISTMAS SNOW DRAMA - PG 13 17 DECEMBER



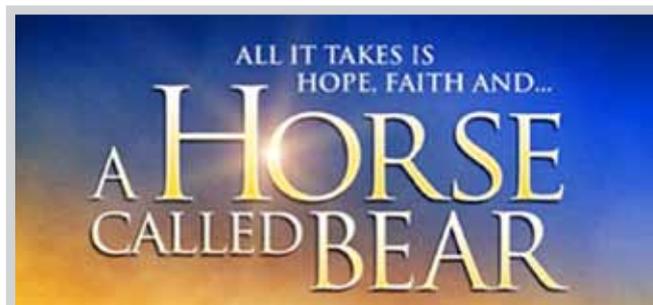
A woman unable to separate the joys of the Christmas season from the pain of her family past gets snowed in with two people who help her to realize what it takes to find true happiness. Thirty years ago, Kathleen's father left the house on Christmas Eve, and never came back. Ever since that day, Kathleen has blamed her mother for breaking up the family. In Kathleen's eyes, Christmas is just another reminder of everything that's ever gone wrong in her life - so she refuses to celebrate. But just when it seems that Kathleen's bitterness has become her defining characteristic, a chance encounter with kindhearted stranger Sam finds her chilly demeanor starting to thaw. Inviting Sam into her house to escape the incoming ice storm, Kathleen gradually opens up to the stranger while at the same time striving to establish a bond with her fiancé's precocious daughter Lucy. The chill in the air slowly subsiding, Katherine realizes that the time has finally come to let go of her painful past instead of allowing it to define her.

### BY GOD'S GRACE DRAMA - FAMILY 10 DECEMBER



From meagre beginnings to owning a thriving air charter service, the Taylors devoted their lives to their children Chris (Cameron Deane Stewart) and Grace (Savannah McReynolds). Raising them with a solid foundation of faith, they taught them through example to love others and give to their community. Their passion was volunteering and financially supporting the local youth shelter. However when tragedy strikes, Chris turns his back on his faith and the shelter. His choices are leading to destruction unless he changes his ways. Will an unlikely visit save what is about to be lost?

### A HORSE CALLED BEAR DRAMA - FAMILY 31 DECEMBER



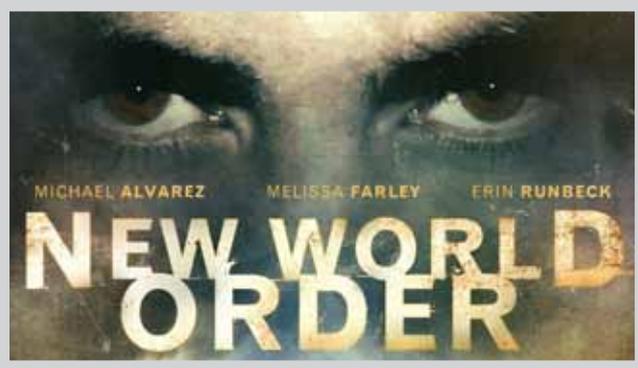
After his mother unexpectedly dies, 17-year-old Ethan discovers he is the owner of his mother's horse - a horse he never even knew existed. He travels cross country to live with his grandparents and investigate the mystery. His grandmother is supportive but his angry grandfather Otto doesn't seem to want him around.

Next door live three children who are taking riding lessons at the same farm where his mother's horse is boarded. Their lives intersect as Ethan deals with his grief over his mother's death and the children deal with a neighborhood bully whose father works at the horse farm. The journey for Ethan, Otto, the three children, the bully and her father all revolve around a gentle and faithful horse called Bear who deeply touches all their lives. This is a delightful redemption-themed family movie that will appeal to children, teens, horse-lovers and people of all ages.

## NEW WORLD ORDER

DRAMA - PG13

4 DECEMBER



This movie gives the viewer a chilling look into the future during the time "The Beast" from the book of Revelation appears and demands a mark to be accepted by all that want to buy food and not face death.

## WELCOME TO INSPIRATION

DRAMA - FAMILY

11 DECEMBER

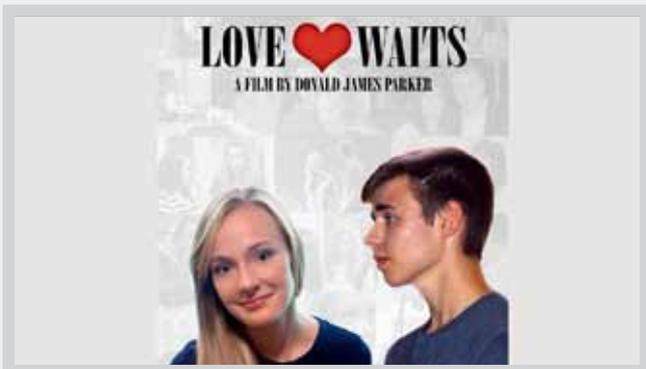


Set in the small fictional American southern town of Mountain Brook, the movie 'WELCOME TO INSPIRATION' follows a diverse cast of characters as they struggle in their lives. A young musician wishes to share his gift with a larger audience; a widow copes with the death of her soldier daughter; a small business owner sacrifices her freedom for the safety of a young runaway; a mechanic finds a family by finding his faith; and a man and woman strengthen their marriage by seeking the Lords wisdom. One main theme explored in 'WELCOME TO INSPIRATION' is that you too can live a life of irrefutable success if you learn and act upon the things that God has revealed to you!

## LOVE WAITS

DRAMA - FAMILY

18 DECEMBER



14-year-old Cheri Martin's world is turned upside down after the death of her mother and a family move from a small town in Nebraska to a larger city in the South. Her fragile psyche appears to be an easy mark for Judy Green, the social queen at Cheri's new school, who spearheads a stamp-out-virginity campaign.

Judy turns her attention and efforts toward converting Cheri when she finds out that the newcomer is still sexually pure. How will a young lady in Cheri's predicament succeed in making Godly decisions, especially since her father has withdrawn from God since the loss of his wife?

## CHRISTMAS ORANGES

FAMILY

25 DECEMBER



In a town not so far away and a time not so long ago, baby Rose was left at Greenwood's Orphanage, where Mrs. Hartley and the children under her care became the young child's family. But when tragedy strikes, Rose loses the only home she has ever known and is abruptly shipped to Irongates, a place that seems as cold and cruel as her previous home was kind. The strict headmaster, Mr. Crampton, makes sure all children are punished for any infraction of his rules, but he is especially hard on Rose, who he immediately seems to dislike. When Rose learns that every Christmas Mr. Crampton's generous brother gives an orange to each child, she waits in eager anticipation. She's sure it must be the most delicious treat in the world. However, on Christmas morning, Rose is devastated when she learns Mr. Crampton is punishing her again. But Christmas is a time of miracles. Share a slice of Christmas sweetened with friendship in this poignant Christmas story based on a classic holiday tale.

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### Dr Theo Wolmarans

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### Dr Beverley Wolmarans

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## DURBAN CHRISTIAN CENTRE JOHN & JOY TORRENS 11 DECEMBER



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## CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CHURCH AT & NYRETTA BOSHOFF 18 DECEMBER



Pastor At is the senior pastor of CRC. He is an executive member of the International Federation of Christian Churches and is described as focused, passionate and fervent in his hunger for the Word of God and explosive in his dynamic teaching of it. His dynamic, bold and practical messages are equally refreshing in relevance to authenticity and doctrinal accuracy.

Pastor Nyretta developed a passion for teaching the practicalities of Christian living; and does so with great aptitude and success. She heads up the Creative Arts ministry and directs the very successful Music ministry of the congregations in Bloemfontein, Pretoria and Johannesburg. Beside her exemplary support of her husband's international and national ministry, she speaks at Women's conferences, heads up the women's ministry, ministers to the CRC pastor's wives, organises and co-ordinates various CRC events and is a brilliant mother and homemaker.

## NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH, JOHANNESBURG NICKY & LILLIAN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN 25 DECEMBER



Apostle Nicky's dynamic and relevant preaching and teaching of the Word of God has made him a much sought after speaker in both Christian and secular contexts across the globe. He is particularly noted for his insight and revelation on topics such as: Grace, the Supernatural, Prosperity, Faith, Leadership and Church Structure. Many people's lives have been impacted through his national and international ministry. In addition he has significant business acumen and is the Founder and CEO of three companies. One of his passions is to develop and equip leaders across the continent of Africa in both the corporate arena as well as the body of Christ to develop a legacy for generations to come. This is the fulfilment of a mandate from God.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
00h00	The 700 Club				
00h30	The 700 Club				
01h00	Saturday Night Movie REPEAT	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg			
01h30		Believer's Walk Of Faith - B. Winston			
02h00		Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland			
02h30		Living Life - Theo Wolmarans			
03h00	Sunday Movie REPEAT	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Jack van Impe Presents	Abba's House - Ron Phillips
03h30		Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone	Zola Levitt Presents with Myles Weiss
04h00		Celebrate Life - Tommy Deuschle	Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Hillsong - Brian Houston	The Higher Level - Chris Hill
04h30		Choose Life - John Roebert	The Green Room - Johnathan & Suzy	The Messenger - J & L Bevere	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone
05h00	Discover Life - At Boshoff	Joni Table Talk	Joni Table Talk	The Higher Level - Chris Hill	Jack Van Impe Presents
05h30	John Hagee Today				
06h05	Changing Your World - Creflo Dollar				
06h30	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg				
07h00	Believer's Walk Of Faith - Bill Winston				
07h30	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn				
08h00	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland				
08h30	The Potter's House - TD Jakes				
09h00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer				
09h30	John G. Lake Ministries				
10h00	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans				
10h30	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack				
11h00	Quick Study with Rod Hembree				
11h30	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Now Faith - John Torrens	Your Move - Andy Stanley	Infocus - Maury Davis
12h00	The 700 Club				
12h30	The 700 Club				
13h00	Grassroots - Angus Buchan				
13h30	John Hagee Today				
14h00	Creation Today - Eric Hovind	The Jewish Jesus - K. Schneider	End Of The Age - Irvin Baxter	Jesus Calls - Paul Dhinakaran	Love Israel with Baruch Korman
14h30	New Creation Church TV - Joseph Prince				
15h00	Paws & Tales	Bobo & Kipi	What's In The Bible? - Buck Denver	RocKids TV	Truth Quake
15h30	The Revolution TV	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza	Celebrate Life - Tommy Deuschle	The Green Room - Johnathan & Suzy	TV One Life - Sean Park
16h00	MXTV - Tim Bisagno	TV One Life - Sean Park	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Youth Bytes - Chad Daniel	Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden
16h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland				
17h00	Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Choose Life - John Roebert	Behind the Faith LIVE	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone	Elevation Experience - Steven Furtick
17h30	Infocus - Maury Davis	Answers with Bayless Conley		Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	Discover life - At Boshoff
18h00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth				
18h30	Kingdom Connection - J. Franklin	1OnOne with Damon Davis	The Higher Level - Chris Hill	Jack Van Impe Presents	The Great Awakening - Rodney Howard Browne
19h00	Behind the Faith REPEAT	Watchmen on the Wall - Errol Naidoo	Till All Have Heard - Patricia Bailey	Real Women, Real Life - Tracy Tiedra	
19h30		Jonathan Shuttlesworth			
20h00	Ramson Mumba Ministries				
20h30	Creation Today - Eric Hovind	The Green Room - Jonathan & Suzy	Joni Table Talk	Now Faith - John Torrens	Planetshakers TV
21h00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer				
21h30	Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone	Zola Levitt Presents with Myles Weiss	Your Move - Andy Stanley
22h00	Supernatural Now - Guillermo Maldonado				
22h30	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn				
23h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries				
23h30	Winning Ways - Matthew Ashimolowo				

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The 700 Club	Sunday Movie Night [R]	00h00
Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg		00h30
Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston		01h00
Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland		01h30
Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Last Week Sunday Movie REPEAT	02h00
The Jewish Jesus - K. Schneider		02h30
Life in the Word - Chuks Ozabor		03h00
		03h30
Sunday Movie REPEAT	Previous Saturday 's Movie REPEAT	04h00
		04h30
		05h00
		05h30
Behind the Faith REPEAT	Reformation3 TV	06h00
Grassroots - Angus Buchan	The Great Awakening - Rodney Howard Browne	06h30
Elevation Experience - Steven Furtick	Infocus - Maury Davids	07h00
The Living Stone - Edgar Holder	Jerry Savelle Ministries	07h30
Life in the Word - Chuks Ozabor	Turning Point - David Jeremiah	08h00
Grace For Today - Derek Grier	Faith Worship @ The River LIVE	08h30
Hillsong - Brian Houston		09h00
On the Living Edge - Mark Chironna		09h30
The Miraculous - Wessel du Bruyn		10h00
Winning Walk - Ed Young Sr.	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	10h30
Choose Life - John Roebert	Christ For All Nations - D. Kolenda	11h00
New Level - Hank & Brenda Kunneman	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	11h30
Real Women, Real Life - Tracy Tredrea	Creflo Dollar Ministries	12h00
The Messenger - J & L Bevere	John Hagee Today	12h30
Kingdom Connection - J. Franklin	Yes You Can - Steve Munsey	13h00
The Living Stone - Edgar Holder	Something Fresh - J. Garlington	13h30
Answers with Bayless Conley		14h00
Speak the Word - Randy Morrison	The Potter's House - TD Jakes	14h30
Turning Point Int - Muyiwa Olarewaju	The Higher Level - Chris Hill	15h00
Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden	Overcomer by Joel Osteen	15h30
UnderDogZone - Renier Weideman	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	16h00
Celebrate Life - Tommy Deuschle	In Touch - Charles Stanley	16h30
Creation Today - Eric Hovind	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	17h00
Faith Life Church with Keith Moore	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	17h30
Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Discover Life - At Boshoff	18h00
Living Effectively - Myles Munroe	Sunday Praise	18h30
Rhema Church - Kenneth Hagin Jr.		19h00
Saturday Movie Night	Sunday Movie	19h30
		20h00
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Winning Walk - Ed Young Sr.	Abba's House - Ron Phillips	21h30
Now Faith - John Torrens	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	22h00
Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza	Order My Steps - John Francis	22h30
Treasures	Gospel Music Showcase - G. Penrod	23h00

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## *The Nativity*

(DECEMBER)

1. **Genesis 12:3**
2. **Genesis 22:18**
3. **Numbers 24:17**
4. **Isaiah 9:6**
5. **Isaiah 7:14**
6. **Isaiah 11:1-2**
7. **Jeremiah 23:5-6**
8. **Micah 5:2**
9. **Zechariah 9:9**
10. **Matthew 1:18**
11. **Matthew 1:21**
12. **Matthew 1:23**
13. **Matthew 1:24-25**
14. **Matthew 2:1-2**
15. **Matthew 2:6**
16. **Matthew 2:10-11**
17. **Luke 2:11-12**
18. **Luke 2:15-16**
19. **Luke 2:21**
20. **Luke 2:25-30**
21. **Luke 2:40**
22. **John 1:14-15**
23. **John 1:17**
24. **John 3:16-17**
25. **John 7:42**
26. **2Corinthians 9:15**
27. **Galatians 4:4**
28. **2Timothy 1:8-10**
29. **Titus 3:3-4**
30. **James 1:17**
31. **1John 3:8**

## *Fresh Start*

(JANUARY)

1. **Genesis 12:1**
2. **Deuteronomy 28:1**
3. **Joshua 1:2**
4. **2Chronicles 7:14**
5. **Job 8:7**
6. **Psalms 30:5**
7. **Psalms 51:10**
8. **Psalms 121:1-2**
9. **Ecclesiastes 3:11**
10. **Isaiah 40:31**
11. **Isaiah 42:9**
12. **Isaiah 43:19**
13. **Isaiah 48:6-7**
14. **Isaiah 65:17**
15. **Jeremiah 29:11**
16. **Lamentations 3:22-23**
17. **Ezekiel 11:19**
18. **Ezekiel 36:26**
19. **Luke 15:21-22**
20. **John 16:24**
21. **Act 3:19**
22. **Romans 6:4**
23. **Romans 8:1-2**
24. **Romans 12:2**
25. **Romans 13:11-12**
26. **2Corinthians 5:17**
27. **Ephesians 4:22-23**
28. **Philippians 3:13-14**
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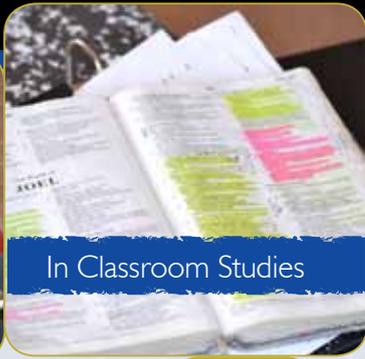
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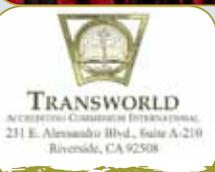
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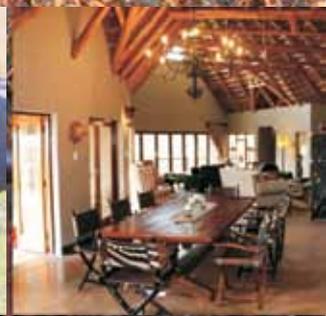
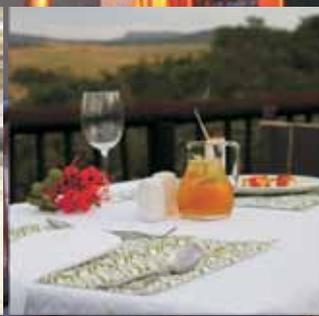


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